



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

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**CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS -
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

Planning and Facilities Committee

Public Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

- Board of Education: Trustee J. Fraser, Committee Chair
Trustee W. Broughton, Committee Member
Trustee C. Desrosiers, Committee Member
Trustee V. Johnson
Trustee L. Tiede
Trustee A. Geistlinger
- Staff: Rob Drew, Director of Operations
Josh Currie, Assistant Director of Operations
Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
Kate Cumming, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
- Absent: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO (*attending Ministry Superintendent's Meeting*)
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO (*attending BCASBO Meeting*)
David Widdis, Planning Manager
- Partner Groups: Susan Bauhart, COTA President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President
Nathan Hind, COPAC Member-At-Large
Kiersten Bereska, DSC Student Representative
There were no representatives from COPVPA

**The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was being held
on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.**

AGENDA

February 7, 2024 Committee Agenda – amended to add item 6.3 *Annual Facilities Grant Motion for BCSTA AGM!*

REPORTS/MATTERS ARISING

Planning and Facilities Committee Public Meeting Report - December 6, 2023

December 6, 2023 Committee Report - received as distributed.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

No members of the public in attendance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS QUERIES/COMMENTS

The COTA President queried the status of the renovations to Hollywood Road Education Centre, and the construction of George Pringle Secondary School. The Director of Operations stated that crews were mobilizing for abatement on the Hollywood Road Education Centre building and the Contractor is on site. As for the George Pringle Secondary build, the District is in the final stages of signing the contract with the proponent. There will be an announcement coming soon. The target date for completion is September, 2027. The Deputy Superintendent suggested that updates on these two items be added to the next Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting Agenda.

The COPAC representative queried which schools are getting portables for 2024/2025. The Director of Operations advised that there are four proposed at this point: one transfer from École Peter Greer Elementary to Oyama Traditional School, and three new portables for each of École Bellevue Creek Elementary, Bankhead Elementary and Webber Road Elementary.

The COPAC representative asked if the projected growth of students was in line with the District's estimate in recent years. The Director of Operations advised that the Planning Manager's projections have been on track, with growth in the downtown and Rutland neighborhoods being noticeable.

The COPAC representative queried how the Ministry of Education and Child Care calculates funding to support transportation. The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Ministry of Education and Child Care gives a flat rate of \$600,000 to each school district to assist with Transportation costs, and it is not based on the number of students.

The CUPE President queried whether portables from North Glenmore Elementary could be reallocated, rather than purchasing new. The Director of Operations stated that due to the very quick turnaround time for the installation of the five pre-fabricated classrooms at North Glenmore Elementary there would not be enough time to move and install these portables at the three new sites.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Annual Review of Committee's Mandate, Purpose and Function - Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee

The Chair stated that as per Board Policy, the Committee reviews its mandate, purpose and function annually. Staff are not recommending any changes to Board Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee.

Outcome:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education affirm Policy 155 - Planning and Facilities Committee, as attached to the Agenda and presented at the February 7, 2024 Public Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

Three Year Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan 2024/2025 - 2026/2027

The Director of Operations stated that each year the District receives an Annual Facility Grant from the Capital Planning Branch of the Ministry of Education and Child Care, which is intended for minor capital improvements required to ensure the long-term viability of existing school district facilities.

The Three-Year Annual Facility Grant Plan is prepared yearly by the Operations Department management team to highlight what the Operations Department believes they can deliver with the funding received. The AFG Plan is then reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools/CEO and Secretary-Treasurer/CFO. The AFG Plan is provided to the Board of Education for approval prior to submitting to the Ministry of Education and Child Care's Capital Planning Branch.

In the provincial fiscal year of April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, the District received an AFG in the amount of \$4.9 million. The District has prioritized this grant funding towards the upgrading of mechanical and electrical systems, end-of-life roofing and urgent facility upgrades.

The COTA President queried the impact of the costs to repair the recent watermain break at Anne McClymont Elementary. The Director of Operations confirmed that this repair was funded through

insurance with School Protection Program. The District paid the deductible, but insurance covered the repairs and all related costs to move students and staff to alternate locations.

The Committee discussed the need for additional AFG funding and the ongoing issue of deferred maintenance.

Outcome:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2024/2025 through 2026/2027, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 7, 2024 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting.

Annual Facilities Grant Motion for BCSTA AGM

The Committee Chair advised that at the BCSTA AGM in April, a motion would be put forward to advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to increase the Annual Facilities Grant for all school districts.

The Committee reviewed, discussed and revised the proposed motion drafted at the recent BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch meeting.

Outcome:

The Planning and Facilities Committee recommended to the Board:

THAT: The BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Finance/Treasury Board to increase the Ministry of Education and Child Care's Annual Facilities Grant so that school districts can address billions in deferred maintenance to: improve accessibility; ensure student safety; enhance learning environments; extend facility lifespan and ensure long-term fiscal responsibility.

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

The Committee discussed that day's tour of Rutland Middle School with Kevin Falcon, leader of the opposition, and the local MLAs. The Board Chair will be providing a report on this at the Public Board Meeting on February 14, 2024.

RECOMMENDATIONS/REFERRALS TO THE BOARD/COORDINATING COMMITTEE/OTHER COMMITTEES

Public Board Meeting – February 14, 2024

- Annual Facilities Grant Motion for BCSTA AGM (*Action Item*)

Public Board Meeting – February 28, 2024

- Affirmation of Policy 155 – Planning and Facilities Committee (*Action Item*)
- Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan for 2024/2025 through 2026/2027 (*Action Item*)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April

- Update: North Glenmore Elementary School pre-fabricated classroom addition
- Update: Hollywood Road Education Centre renovation
- Update: Construction of George Pringle Secondary School

May

- Transportation Update
- Capital Plan Submission

June

- Energy & Sustainability Presentation

FUTURE PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings start at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted.

March 6, 2024

April 3, 2024

May 1, 2024

June 5, 2024

MEDIA QUESTIONS

No media present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Questions - Please Contact:

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Julia Fraser, Chair